

The Room

Mrs. Ling lived in China. But she traveled all the time. She had been to many countries. She often went to the United States.

One day Mrs. Ling was at work. She was at her desk. Her boss came into the office. She said, "We need to send you to San Francisco for three days. Then you must go to New York City for four days. Can you leave on Wednesday?"

"Of course," said Mrs. Ling.

Mrs. Ling was happy to go. She loved both cities. She had visited them many times before.

Mrs. Ling talked to her boss. She found out what she had to do. She prepared everything she needed. Then she made a telephone call. She called a hotel in San Francisco. She told them that she was coming.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Ling packed her bags. She was very excited. She could hardly wait to go.

On Wednesday Mrs. Ling left for San Francisco. She did a lot of work when she was there. She did not see much of the city. The time went by much too quickly.

Then Mrs. Ling left for New York City. The plane landed at Kennedy airport. She got her bags.



Then she called for a cab.

Mrs. Ling got in to the cab. "Where do you want to go?" the driver asked.

Mrs. Ling told the driver the name of the hotel. She always stayed there when she was in New York City.

Mrs. Ling rode in the cab. She said softly to herself, "New York is fun. There is much to do. There are great places to go. Maybe I can see a show. Maybe I will do some shopping."

Soon the cab stopped at the hotel. Mrs. Ling went inside.

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She walked to the front desk. She had seen the man at the front desk before. The man at the desk remembered her.

"Hello, Mrs. Ling," he said.

"Hello, Aziz," said Mrs. Ling. "I would like a room. I will be staying here for four days."

There was a computer on the desk. Aziz looked at the computer. He looked very carefully. But he did not see Mrs. Ling's name anywhere.

Aziz was unhappy. He said, "Mrs. Ling, you should have let us know that you were coming. We would have saved a room for you. Now we are all full. We have no rooms at all."

"No rooms at all?" said Mrs. Ling.

"No rooms at all. New York City is very, very busy now. All the hotels are filled."

Mrs. Ling said, "But you must have *one* room, Aziz."

Aziz said, "I am sorry, Mrs. Ling. We do not have even one room."

Mrs. Ling thought for a moment. She knew that every hotel saves a room for an important person who might come by.

She said, "Aziz. Suppose that the President came here right now. Surely you would have a room for him."

"The President?" said Aziz. "Well, of course. The President! We have a room for him."

"Well, then," said Mrs. Ling. "I was listening to the radio in the cab. The President will be in Washington tonight. You can give me his room."

A big smile crossed Aziz's face. "All right. You win, Mrs. Ling," he said. He reached for a key and gave it to her.

Mrs. Ling had a *very* good room that night.

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Directions: Read the passage “ The Room”, then circle the letter of the correct answer.

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 - A. she likes to travel.
 - B. her boss sends her there.
 - C. she has favorite hotels there.
 - D. she enjoys shopping in New York City.

2. Why does the man at the front desk of the hotel know Mrs. Ling?
 - A. She had called him to ask a favor.
 - B. She had asked him for the President’s room.
 - C. She had asked him to find her another hotel.
 - D. She had stayed at the same hotel before.

3. What happened to make Aziz unhappy?
 - A. He had problems with the computer.
 - B. Mrs. Ling did not call to request a room.
 - C. He knew he had to send Mrs. Ling to another hotel.
 - D. He did not have a room for the President.

4. Why does Mrs. Ling tell Aziz that the President will be in Washington for the night?
 - A. She wanted to trick Aziz into giving away the President’s room.
 - B. She wanted to see if Aziz was lying about having no rooms available.
 - C. She wanted the very best room in the hotel for herself.
 - D. She wanted Aziz to give her the room set aside for someone important.

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5. Mrs. Ling probably did not let Aziz know she was coming to New York because
- A. she wanted to surprise him.
 - B. she forgot to call the hotel.
 - C. she was too busy to make a phone call.
 - D. she thought the hotel would have at least one room.

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Answer Key – The Room

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